

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

ROBERT WINBURN, #222196,

Petitioner,

v.

CASE NO. 2:06-CV-12308
HONORABLE JOHN CORBETT O'MEARA

LINDA METRISH,

FILED

Respondent.

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT**ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A)**

Petitioner Robert Winburn has filed a *pro se* petition for a writ of habeas corpus challenging his state court convictions for second-degree murder, assault with intent to commit murder, and two counts of felony firearm. He was sentenced to 25-50 years imprisonment on the murder conviction, a concurrent term of 15-30 years imprisonment on the assault conviction, and to concurrent terms of two years imprisonment on the firearm convictions to be served consecutively to the other sentences. Petitioner has filed a prior petition in federal court challenging the same convictions and sentences. For the following reasons, this Court concludes that it must transfer this case to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA"), codified at 28 U.S.C. § 2241 *et seq.*, amended 28 U.S.C. §§ 2244, 2253, and 2254, which govern habeas corpus proceedings in federal courts. Pursuant to those amendments, an individual seeking to file a "second or successive" habeas petition must ask the appropriate court of appeals for an order directing the district court to consider the petition. See 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A); *Stewart v.*

Martinez-Villareal, 523 U.S. 637, 641 (1998); *In re Wilson*, 142 F.3d 939, 940 (6th Cir. 1998).

This requirement transfers to the court of appeals a screening function which the district court previously performed. *Felker v. Turpin*, 518 U.S. 651, 664 (1996).

Petitioner has filed a prior habeas corpus petition challenging the same convictions at issue in the instant petition, which was denied on the merits. See *Winburn v. Curtis*, No. 99-CV-72667 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 31, 2001) (Hood, J.), *cert. app. den.* No. 01-1328 (6th Cir. 2001).

Petitioner has not obtained appellate authorization to file a subsequent petition as required by 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). Accordingly,

The Court ORDERS the Clerk of the Court to transfer this case to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1631¹ and *Sims v. Terbush*, 111 F.3d 45, 47 (6th Cir. 1997) ("when a prisoner has sought § 2244(b)(3) permission from the district court, or when a second or successive petition for habeas corpus relief . . . is filed in the district court without § 2244(b)(3) authorization from this court, the district court shall transfer the document to this court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1631").



R. STEVEN WHALEN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATED: 5-24-06

¹28 U.S.C. § 1631 provides in pertinent part that:

Whenever a civil action is filed in a court . . . and that court finds that there is a want of jurisdiction, the court shall, if it is in the interest of justice, transfer such action . . . to any other such court in which the action . . . could have been brought at the time it was filed . . . , and the action . . . shall proceed as if it had been filed in . . . the court to which it is transferred on the date upon which it was actually filed in . . . the court from which it was transferred.